REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-10, 13-26, and 28-32 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 11, 12, and 27 stand allowed.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 11, 12, and 27. In response to the instant Office Action, the Applicants hereby cancel claims 2, 3, 11, 13-21, and 23-32 without prejudice. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features previously recited in allowable claim 11, as well as to include the features previously recited in claim 3, from which claim 11 depends. In addition, the Applicants amended independent claim 22 to include the features previously recited in allowable claim 27.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1 and 22 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 4-10, and 12 are believed to be allowable at least due to their dependence on an allowable base claim. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that claims 1, 4-10, 12, and 22 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowability as to pending claims 1, 4-10, 12, and 22. No new matter has been entered.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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